Maine Revised Statutes

Title 22: HEALTH AND WELFARE

Chapter 1071: CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AND CHILD PROTECTION ACT

§4012. REPORTING PROCEDURES

1. **Immediate report.** Reports regarding abuse or neglect must be made immediately by telephone to the department and must be followed by a written report within 48 hours if requested by the department.

Hospitals, medical personnel and law enforcement personnel may submit emergency reports through password-protected e-mail submissions. A faxed report may also be accepted when preceded by a telephone call informing the department of the incoming fax transmission.

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[ 2011, c. 402, §2 (AMD) .]
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- **2**. **Information required.** The reports shall include the following information if within the knowledge of the person reporting:
 - A. The name and address of the child and the persons responsible for his care or custody; [1979, c. 733, §18 (NEW).]
 - B. The child's age and sex; [1979, c. 733, §18 (NEW).]
 - C. The nature and extent of abuse or neglect, including a description of injuries and any explanation given for them; [1979, c. 733, §18 (NEW).]
 - D. A description of sexual abuse or exploitation; [1979, c. 733, §18 (NEW).]
 - E. Family composition and evidence of prior abuse or neglect of the child or his siblings; [1979, c. 733, §18 (NEW).]
 - F. The source of the report, the person making the report, his occupation and where he can be contacted; [1979, c. 733, §18 (NEW).]
 - G. The actions taken by the reporting source, including a description of photographs or x rays taken; and [1979, c. 733, §18 (NEW).]
 - H. Any other information that the person making the report believes may be helpful. [1979, c.733, §18 (NEW).]

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